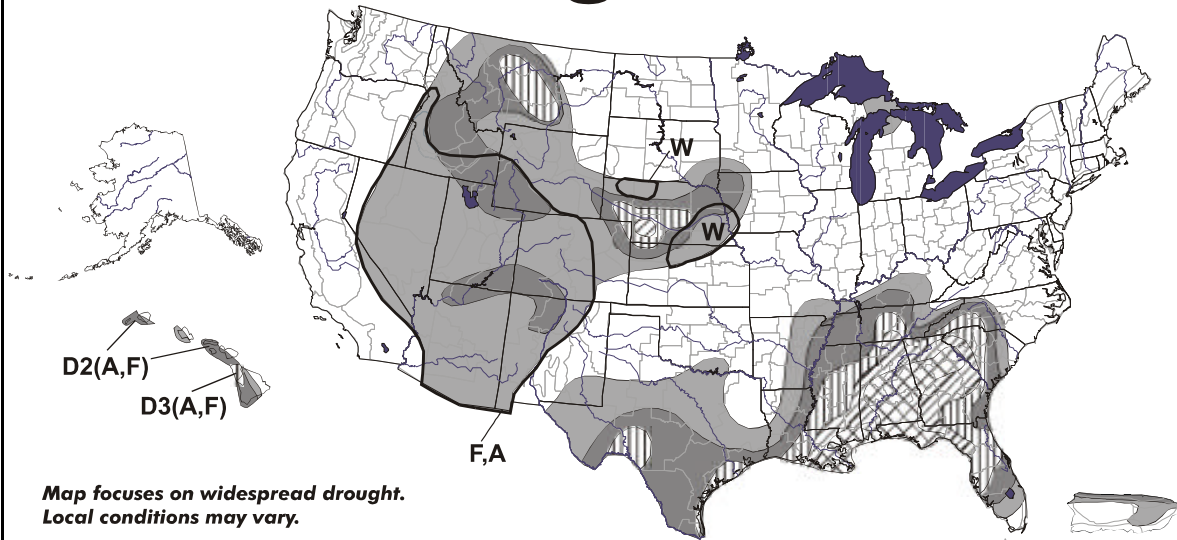


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Map focuses on widespread drought.
Local conditions may vary.

- D0 Abnormally Dry
 ■ D1 Drought-First Stage
 ■ D2 Drought-Severe
 ■ D3 Drought-Extreme
 ■ D4 Drought-Exceptional
 — Delineates Overlapping Areas
- Drought type: used only
when impacts differ
 A = Agriculture
 W = Water
 F = Wildfire danger

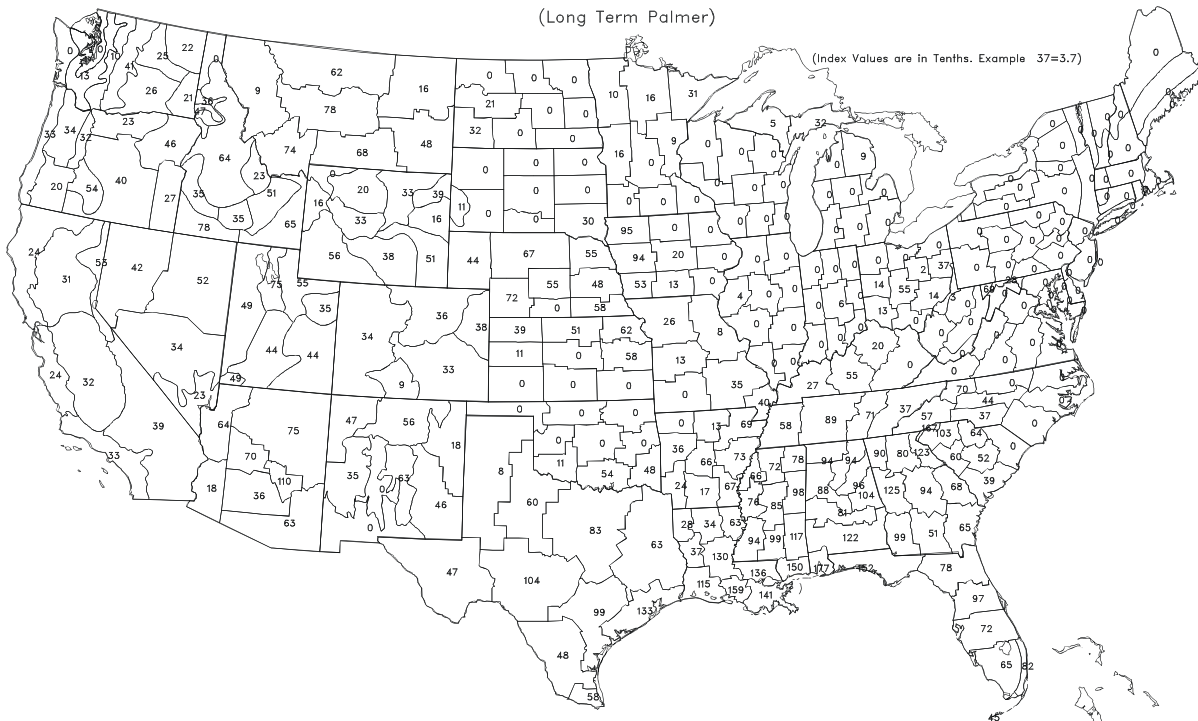


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